

ministry announcements

MOMs Cookbooks: 397 favorite recipes for sale in the bookstore: \$10. Proceeds go to MOMs childcare costs. Makes a great gift!

Wednesday Night Prayer: Wednesday at 6:30 in the Children's Wing - C3. Perhaps this is the year God is calling you to be part of this ministry.

Bookstore: Please visit our newly stocked bookstore for Bibles, books, cards, etc. It is open before and after each weekend service.

Benevolent Fund: Do you need of a washer and electric dryer or a sofa bed and love seat? These items have been donated to Grace to benefit families in need. Direct inquiries to Bernie Farabaugh or Jill Mintsiveris at the church office.

Free tax preparation is available for families with low to moderate incomes through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance centers in the Erie area. You may also qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit allowing your family to keep more of the money you have earned. To learn more visit www.erieFREETaxes.org or call 1-888-829-5680.

Depression Support Group: A confidential group for those who suffer from depression will be launched in February. If interested, please email Pastor Al.

Suggestions? We have a box at the information desk that you can use to make suggestions about our new facility. We would like to hear any thoughts you may have.

Our nursery numbers are growing! God is adding young families and our nurseries numbers are growing. We're looking to grow our awesome nursery team to match. Interested? Contact Pastor Larry at the church office.

women

Digging Deeper: Women's Bible Study meeting weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 -11:30 (following the Millcreek School calendar) in room A2. Presently studying "Defending Your Faith" by R.C. Sproul, a series on Apologetics. Childcare provided - Cost is \$3 per child.

MOMs: Friday Jan 18 - NO MOMS Contact Sarah (833-6377) for more info.

Babysitting: Childcare Subs Needed for MOMs, Fridays, 9-12 noon. Paid position. Contact Cherry Clark 474-9303.

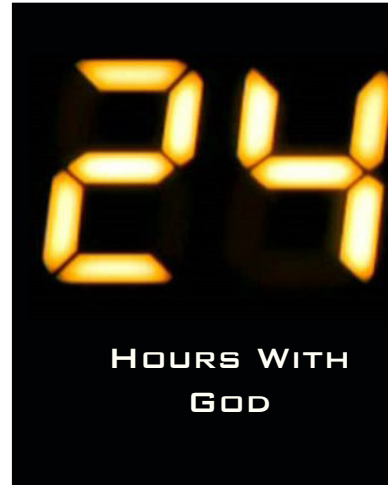
youth

Senior High: youth group meets on Tuesday nights from 7-9pm for worship and small groups in the youth rooms. On January 15th we'll start early with a pizza dinner at 6:15pm in the Cafe.

Junior High: youth group meets on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30pm in the youth rooms for games, singing, more games, small groups, and snacks.

Peek'n Peak: Senior High trip on Sat, Jan 19th. We'll leave Grace at 8am and return at 10pm. The cost for a lift ticket and ski rental is \$53. With a snowboard it's \$58. Lessons cost an extra \$20. You can download a flyer at grace-erie.org. To go you must have your registration and money turned into Pastor Jason by January 6th.

upcoming sermon series



Come join us for the first sermon series of 2008. Every day 24 hours pass you by. You get to decide what to do with that time but you cannot pause, stop, or rewind it. Learn how to make every day of your life count by understanding the unique feature each part of the day holds for you.

January 12-13	The Morning Hour
January 19-20	Nine To Five
January 26-27	The Evening Hour

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Church wide directories are available at the information desk: pick one up today!

Year-End Giving Thank You: Grace is a generous congregation! Thank you so much for your many special gifts during December to support the work of the Lord! General Fund giving exceeded our budget by nearly \$14,000. Over \$95,000 was given to support the Relocation Project. And special gifts for Missions and Benevolence were also extraordinary. Thank you for worshiping the Lord through your faithful giving!

Valet Parking: Due to the size of our new parking lots, walking to the facility, especially in the winter months, is a real challenge for some of our people and guests. We are building a valet parking team that will be parking and retrieving cars during our Sunday morning services and we could really use your help. This is a great new ministry that requires no time away from home or family. Contact team leader Peter Cochran @ 835-0486 or email at pncochran@aol.com <<mailto:pncochran@aol.com>> for more information. Please give this serious/prayerful consideration.

Baptism: Congratulations to those being baptized this weekend: Kyle Lamp, Ray Lindsay, Maryanne Mallory, Will & Deena McCullough, Caitlyn Newport, Logan Pauli, Emily Pinto, Mikaela Raydo, Erin Ryan, and Alyssa Zimmer

living with grace (55+)

The Senior Gathering will meet on January 15th in the Commons. The Haener Brother's will provide a program of "Big Band" music to warm our hearts. A devotional at 10 AM and light exercise, program at 11 Am. Lunch at noon for \$2.

adult education

Parenting... It IS brain science! Know what a prefrontal cortex is? How about a corpus callosum or cerebellum? If you are a parent of a teen you should. Understanding what they're doing during the teenage years can help you as a parent. Come hear Penn State Behrend Psychology Professor Dr. Charisse Nixon discuss adolescent brain development and its effect on behavior, all 4 Sundays in January at 9:30.

Discover your unique SHAPE. God has equipped each believer with Spiritual Gifts, a Heart and passions, unique Abilities, a Personality, and life Experiences. You will discover these aspects of your unique gifts through a series of self-administered questionnaires as well as biblical teaching and discussion on each of the topics. It's going to be a great class! You need to fill out our online assessment form and bring your results with you to the class. You will find this assessment on our website: www.grace-erie.org, on the homepage. Click the link in the blue box that says "shape assessment." CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 20th.

community info

De Colores Koinonia and Cursillo members: We would like to know who attends Grace. We are planning a get together to prepare for an up coming Koinonia weekend. Three candidates from Grace will be attending a weekend in February. Your help is needed to make their weekend as special as ours was.

We are planning a evening of fun preparation and prayer. If you are interested please call Jane at 796-4569 or Kim at 899-3607

Classes offered through Relationship Solutions (455-8899): A 26-week Codependency/Boundaries class will be starting for women in January (facilitated by Laurie Burick). A 26-week Unlocking the Hurts in Your Life class will be starting for men in January.